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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to a format previously presented, as suggested by the Examiner.

New claims 44 to 53 were previously presented as claims 20 to 23 and 25 to 30.

A table showing correspondence between current and former claim numbers and amendments, if any, is provided below.

Former Claim Number	Current Claim Number	Former Claim Now Amended?
20	44	yes
21	45	yes
22	46	yes
23	47	no
24		canceled
25	48	no
26	49	no
27	50	no
28	51	no
29	52	no
30	53	no

Regarding the Examiner's objection to former claims 1, 4-6, 8, 10-17 and 31-43 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, the Applicant submits that the cancellation of claims 1, 4-6, 8, 10-17 and 34-43 overcomes the objection to these claims. The Applicant further submits that the amendment of claims 31-33 to depend on new claim 44, also overcomes the objection.

Claims 54 to 62 are new. The new claims are supported by the specification throughout and in particular by the Figures. Claim 57 to 62 are supported, for example, by pages 24 and 26 and Table 5 of the specification. Claims 54 to 56 are supported, for example, by Figure 1A, Figure 1B, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 6 and Figure 7B.

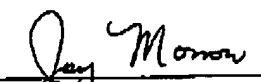
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We authorize the Director to charge any excess claim fees to Deposit Account
Number 19-2550.

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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